



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5346

LCO No. 2220



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO FUND SOCIAL WORKERS IN EMERGENCY SHELTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than June 15, 2022, the
2 Commissioner of Housing, within available appropriations and in
3 consultation with the Commissioners of Social Services, Mental Health
4 and Addiction Services and public or private agencies or nonprofit
5 organizations that operate programs for emergency shelter services,
6 shall establish a pilot program to fund social workers in emergency
7 shelters. Such pilot program shall assess the unmet needs for on-site
8 social worker services in emergency shelters in the state and provide
9 assistance to enable such shelters to recruit and retain social workers to
10 meet their needs for such on-site services for a two-year period
11 beginning on October 1, 2022.

12 (b) Not later than December 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Housing
13 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
14 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
15 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing concerning

16 the pilot program established pursuant to this section. The report shall
17 include, but need not be limited to, (1) a summary of program
18 implementation, including efforts to inform and educate eligible
19 organizations about the program and to assist such organizations in the
20 recruitment and retention of social workers, (2) an assessment of
21 program utilization rates, (3) an assessment of program performance
22 during the pilot period based on data, including, but not limited to, data
23 concerning both the implementation of the program by the Department
24 of Housing and the use of the program, and (4) any recommendations
25 the commissioner may have regarding future implementation or an
26 extension of the pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

HSG *Joint Favorable*